

companies, and to be answerable for the delay in the progress of the work, in consequence of that suit. Maryland was no party in this suit, and it does seem to your committee to come with an ill grace from the party which *first* resorted to the power of the courts, now to come to the legislature, and complain against the state, for evil consequences, which itself had invited.

Your committee therefore begs leave to submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-road, is emphatically a state work, in which the whole body of the people of the state have a deep and abiding interest, and as such, it deserves the protection and support of the legislature.*

2. *Resolved, That any manifestation on the part of either of the great companies chartered to open an intercommunication with the west, to strangle or destroy each other, is unworthy of the high objects and purposes for which they were chartered by the state.*

3. *Resolved, That we look with unqualified disapprobation, on the indifference and disregard which were shewn by the Canal Company, to the reasonable request made to it, by the legislature at its last session.*

4. *Resolved, That until the Canal Company shall by agreement, arrange with the Rail-road Company, the positive privilege to construct its work between the Point of Rocks and Harper's Ferry, in such manner as may be acceptable to the latter, we will consider ourselves bound in justice to the state, and in her defence, to deny to the Canal Company, any extension of its charter, or any other legislative favor, she may hereafter ask at our hands.*

And for a more particular and minute description of the matters and things in question, your committee asks leave to refer the Senate to the able and comprehensive report, drawn up and made by the committee from the House of Delegates, and submitted to that honorable body, on Monday last, and also to ask to have the resolutions which they have submitted, annexed as a part of this report.

All which is respectfully submitted,

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Of the Committee of Internal Improvement.